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The summer term begins

As we welcome everyone back to the summer term, the examinations and events are upon us immediately. In these final few weeks before the GCSE, AS and A2 written papers, we encourage all students to continue to work with their teachers and to seek whatever support they feel that they need. We are also very happy to continue to liaise with parents and urge you to contact us if you feel that we can help at this important stage.

Lunchtime arrangements

Parents are reminded that in order for their children to go **home** for lunch, they need to have given **written permission** and supplied a passport sized photograph. (We can use our copy of your child's school photograph if you consent to it.) Students are then issued with their official passes which they need to show to senior staff at the gate each lunchtime. Students who have now lost their original passes or wish to start going **home** need to organise a pass through Mrs Bennett, Head's PA. Thank you for your co-operation in helping us to ensure your children's safety.

GCSE Astronomy

We are planning to run this new and exciting course from September as an after-school activity. **Any student in years nine to eleven** would be eligible and **letters are available from Mrs Payne.**

The summer concert

This year's summer concert will take place at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 6th May in the school hall.** Tickets priced £5 (£2.50 concessions) are available from reception and all are welcome to join us for what is always an excellent evening.

Year Group News

Year 10

All parents should have received a letter, via their children, about the year ten **parents' evening** to be held on:

Thursday 7th May 4.30 – 6.00 pm

Thursday 14th May 4.30 – 7.00 pm

Appointments are made via your children. This is an important stage in the GCSE courses and we encourage all parents to attend one of the evenings.

Year 11

- The **GCSE Drama** examinations will be held on **Wednesday 29th April.**
- The **GCSE French and German speaking examinations** will take place from 27th April to 8th May with the following teachers:

French:

Mr Taecke (27/28 April, 1 May)

Mrs Duverne (27/28 April)

Mr Staples (29 April/1 May)

Mr Goodchild (29 April)

German:

Mr Snaith (5 – 7 May)

Mr Staples (5 – 7 May)

Mrs Sauvage (7/8 May)

Exact timings are in the MFL corridor.

Year 12

Thank you to those parents and students who attended last night's **Higher Education Evening.** We will continue to work with you to make the right choices for each individual.

Year 13

The PE practical examination takes place on Friday 1st May.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2009

We are pleased to publish this term's list of regular clubs and activities. Members of staff give freely and generously of their time to ensure that there is a huge range and depth of activity on offer and we encourage every student to consider at least one extra curricular activity.

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	String Quartet	Open Badminton Club (Sports Hall) Yr 9 Tennis Club (Courts) Animal Club (H1) Creative Writing (13) Archive Club (H2) Maths Club (29) Christian Union (18)	Open Athletics Club (Field) Open Tennis Club (Courts) Girls Cricket Club (Sports Hall) Academy Basketball (Gym) Jazz Ensemble
Tuesday	Clarinet Choir Flute Ensemble	Open Rounders Club (Field) Yr 9 Astro Football (Astro) Yr 10 Tennis Club (Courts) Fitness Suite open Spanish (Year 9 beginners) (24) Art Club (Open) Full Orchestra	Open Athletics Club (Field) Yr 9 Rounders Club (Field) Yr 10 Rounders Club (Field) Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Fixtures Drum Club Chess Club (Conf. Rm) Chamber Choir Drama Club (Studio Theatre)
Wednesday	Running Club Ceilidh Band Junior Brass Year 9 Choir	Open Cricket Club (Sports Hall) Yr 10 Tennis Tournament (Courts) Beginners' Japanese (CL) Art Club (Open) Senior Brass Dixie Band	Open Netball Club (Courts) Power Kiting Club (Field) Open Cricket Club (Sports Hall) Academy Basketball (Gym) Fixtures GCSE Japanese (CL) Swing Band
Thursday	Girls' Choir Barbershop	Yr 9 Korfball Tournament (Sports Hall) Yr 10 Astro Football (Astro) Yr 9 Tennis Tournament (Courts) Fitness Suite open GCSE Japanese (CL) Art Club (Open) Wind Band Science Club (C1)	Yr10/Yr11 Rounders Club (Field) Ultimate Frisbee Club (Field) Academy Basketball (Sports Hall) Fixtures Intermediate Japanese (CL) Drum Club
Friday	Open Cricket Nets "Crescendos" (Senior Choir)	Open Cricket Club (Sports Hall) Open Tennis Club (Courts) String Orchestra Sax Group Design and Technology Club (open)	Academy Basketball (Gym) Chamber Orchestra

The **Debating and Public Speaking Society**, the **Duke of Edinburgh Award**, the **Arts Award** and **Engineering Education** scheme, together with preparations for **"Disco Inferno"** will also continue as well as **one-off activities and trips**.